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For : DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

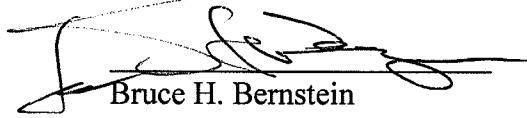
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Sir :

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 4, 2009 and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. While Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication of allowability, Applicants submit that each of the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the combination of features recited therein.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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